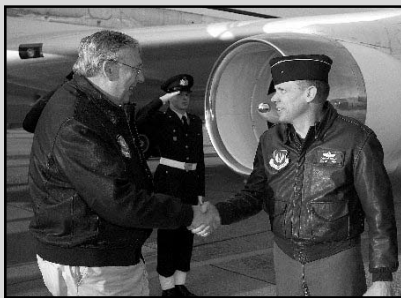


COMMANDER'S CONNECTION



I

31st Fighter Wing commander

Your direct link to let me know your comments or unresolved complaints. I will personally see that each question is answered and select those of general interest to appear in the "Vigileer."

All items may be edited for brevity and clarity. Comments can be submitted by:

- E-mailing cc.connect@aviano.af.mil
- faxing to Ext. 7083
- sending through distribution to 31FW/PA
- mailing to 31FW/PA, Unit 6140 Box 100,

APO AE 09604-0100;

- delivering to public affairs, Bldg. 1360, Room 19.

You may remain anonymous upon request. However, to receive a reply, include your name, unit and phone number.

The Commander's Connection is not intended to replace the chain of command, so before contacting the Commander's Connection, talk with managers, supervisors or first sergeants.

Here are some contact numbers that may be helpful:

31st Services Squadron: Ext. 5301

Housing Office: Ext. 7418

Pass and ID: Ext. 4114

AAFES: 634 -7796

31st Medical Group: Ext. 5703

DoDDS liaison: Ext. 5261

Civilian Personnel Office: Ext. 7291

Finance: Ext. 7409

AFN-Aviano: Ext. 4878

Fire Dept.: Ext. 7525

31st SPTG: Ext. 7614

Family Support Center: Ext. 5407

Education Center: Ext. 5330

Billing: Ext. 5041

Flightline Fitness Center: Ext. 7161

Pest control

Q: Sir, I've spoken with 31st Civil Engineer Squadron entomology about the mosquito population on base and was

told that other than placing a chemical tablet in an area of standing water there wasn't much they could do about it.

I was also told they did not have a fog machine and doubted it would do much

good anyhow.

CE came out to my shop (Bldg. 1029) to access the problem, but was unable to locate any standing water. They determined the mosquitoes were likely coming from the cornfields around the base.

I've killed at least eight mosquitoes at my desk today, had the union representative in my office complaining and recently, I had to apologize to a VIP touring the facility.

With all the media hype over the West Nile Virus, isn't there something that can be done?

A: Like other Air Force bases overseas, Aviano's Entomology Shop uses many of the same practices as our host nation neighbors.

Because there aren't many areas of standing water in this part of Italy local practice is not to spray wide areas or use fog machines for mosquito control.

In your case we suggest doing the same as our Italian neighbors and use insect repellent in small quantities as necessary.

By the way, we have the same problem in my office.

KUDOS

Operational tour

I would like to thank **Capt. Mike McAleenan** and **Master Sgt. David Jenkins** of the 31st Operations Support Squadron weather station for taking time out of their busy work schedule to give my tour of the base's weather station. They both shared their knowledge and excitement about weather forecasting and their careers in the military with my earth science classes.

The students gained favorable impressions of the Air Force weather training program and invaluable insight into the real world of weather forecasting. It is because of people like Captain McAleenan and Master Sgt. Jenkins, that we continue to have young people encouraged to join the military as a career.

I also appreciate the support of the military community in my classroom.

Laura Corder-Chavez
Aviano High School

Fair assistance

The Parent Teacher Student Association of Aviano High

School would like to thank **Master Sgt. Chris Metzger** for his hard work and tremendous job organizing our recent College Fair at the high school.

He put in untold hours collecting information and alumni to make the evening invaluable to seniors and their families looking toward college and universities.

His efforts were above and beyond what we expected.

Monica Paquette
PTSA president

Chiefs scholarships

The Aviano Chiefs Group would like to congratulate the winners of the Term Two Chiefs Group Scholarships.

Staff Sgt. Charles Simpson, 31st Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Pilar Orozco-Coker, 31st Medical Group

Staff Sgt. Antonio Lee, 31st Medical Group

Scholarships were awarded based on essays submitted by the applicants.

The Aviano Chiefs Group is awarding up to three \$100 scholarships per term.

The next group of scholarships will be awarded at the beginning of next year.



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Is it the flu or is it something else?

By Maj. Dennis Fay
31st Aerospace
Medicine Squadron

You don't have to be a medical expert to know that this is the time of year in which the incidence of upper respiratory illnesses is on the rise at Aviano. Just look around at your own shop, family or friends. You also don't need to be a medical expert to understand the number one way to prevent getting sick is by washing your hands.

Viruses live on the hands of infected people and that is the number one way they get transmitted from person to person. It is also how people re-infect themselves before they get completely well. Thorough hand washing means at least 15 seconds with lots of soap and warm water.

Supervisors must establish a policy whereby your people feel trusted to call in sick, or at least send them home if they show up to work sick. I know it sounds crazy, but one of the biggest problems we experience in the military medical system is the old-fashioned idea that everyone must go see the doctor call to keep from working. Sending people in to see the doctor when they are infected with a virus is not a wise use of medical care, inconveniences the sick person and spreads

germs. And there isn't a lot we can do to make the person better any way! They need to follow the advice their mom gave them years ago. Stay in bed, drink lots of clear fluids and/or fruit juices, eat some chicken soup (no kidding) and take a fever reducer to treat the symptoms. The body will overcome the virus usually within a week or so. Of course, if you have a high temperature or if symptoms get worse beyond three-four days, that might indicate a bacterial infection and that does require a trip to the clinic.

So what is the flu and the vaccine all about? Here is the best way to differentiate the flu from the common cold.

The flu generally involves body aches and a really run down feeling and is most often accompanied by a fever. The other way to figure out the difference is: if you get a flu shot and then get sick, it isn't the flu! Well, that is generally true unless you were incubating the flu before you got the vaccination.

Influenza (the "flu") can produce serious illness. It spreads when specific viruses pass from infected individuals to the nose and/or throat of others.

Influenza can cause fever, chills, headache, cough, sore throat and muscle aches. It can lead to pneumonia and death in severe cases.

Although influenza can make any individual sick, many people are only affected for a few days, while others develop serious illness and may require hospitalization.

Individuals considered at "high risk" for serious illness resulting from the flu include people 65 years and older, residents of long term care facilities or persons of any age with chronic medical conditions.

Children or adults with long-term health problems are at risk, too. Those conditions include, but are not limited to heart disease, anemia, metabolic diseases (e.g. diabetes), asthma, lung disease and others including kidney disease.

A common misconception among people is that they will get the flu from the vaccination.

But the truth is the materials used to develop the flu shot are processed in such a way that you cannot develop influenza from the vaccine medium.

To get your flu shot, stop by the immunizations clinic in Area One from 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. You don't need to bring in your yellow shot record, but it is highly encouraged.

For other sites/times, call public health at Ext. 5242.

First heroes of war on terror wore no uniforms

By Staff Sgt. Marc Barnes
18th Wing Public Affairs

KADENA AIR BASE, Japan (AFPN)—Every tragedy in America's history has had its share of heroes. Many of these heroes have been airmen, soldiers, sailors and Marines.

Many of today's bear the title of "firefighter" or "policeman." But perhaps the greatest heroes of all were simply called "American citizens."

Heroes in uniform are in abundance following the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, but it appears the first heroes of our war on terrorism were simply American citizens who were fueled by love for their country and their fellow man.

As news reporters in the United States continue to dig to find every single detail about events leading up to, during and after the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, they have uncovered many stories of American heroism.

The one I find most touching is the tale behind the crash of hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 in western Pennsylvania.

According to these stories, it is becoming more and more apparent that a few passengers aboard that flight were willing to — and did — sacrifice their lives to save the lives of fellow citizens.

The names that have circulated in various news reports are Jeremy Glick, Tom Burnett, Todd Beamer, Mark Bingham and Lou Nacker.

It is quite likely that others were also involved, but phone calls by these men to family members before the crash confirm they played a vital role.

These five didn't wear uniforms — they were businessmen. They hadn't felt the call to sign on the line and serve their country.

But when their country needed them, they stepped up, and they and their families paid a heavy price.

America is already relying heavily on some of its uniformed heroes — the civil servants who continue the search for thousands who are still missing.

In addition, America has called on its other uniformed heroes to respond to the terrorists who killed our fellow citizens, and servicemembers are answering that call, both in the U.S. and overseas.

While civil servants and servicemembers respond, I have to say thanks to Jeremy, Tom, Todd, Mark, Lou and the other unnamed heroes of Flight 93.

Our president and our nation will see to it that the cowards who took your lives are brought to justice.

You are my heroes — a perfect example of the spirit of America.

You will not be forgotten

Aviano Performer



Senior Airman Catherine S. Thompson

Alessandro Medici
Cultural awareness instructor
Family support center

Hometown: Roveredo in Piano
What do you like most about your Aviano assignment? Being able, after 28 years of active duty, to still serve in the military.

What do you like most about your job? The great opportunity I have, through the "Benvenuti in Italia" program, to represent my country and help so many people to better understand our language, culture and history so they can enjoy their assignments.

Greatest accomplishment: Being appointed and entrusted as the civil protection emergencies coordinator of my community.

Time at Aviano: Three years, six months.

"Medici's desire and strong dedication to forge closer relationships between Americans and Italians goes far beyond the classroom. He continuously strives to create innovative ideas to help our newcomers adapt to their new surroundings."

-- Steve Rose, GS-11
Relocation manager

The postal Christmas annex is asking people to pick up package mail as soon as notification slips are received. The facility is overstocked which slows down processing of incoming mail.

An American Red Cross babysitting class is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., today in Bldg. 118. The purpose of the course is to provide individuals, ages 11 to 15, the information and skills necessary to provide safe and responsible care for children in the absence of parents or adult guardians.

The course cost is \$20 which includes the text book.

Interested individuals must pay and sign up in advance at the Red Cross Office in Bldg. 118. For more information, call Ext. 5576.

The housing office closes at 2 p.m., Tuesday for a local national commanders call; at 1 p.m., Dec. 21 for an office function; all day Dec. 24, 25 and 26 for Christmas holidays and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 for the New Year's holiday.

Aviano Girl Scouts will be selling calendars through Dec. 14 at the BX.

The Spouse's Benvenuti Sacile Christmas market is 5-9 p.m., Tuesday. The family support relocation center is sponsoring this event.

This free trip also includes a stop at a local cafe to sample some traditional Italian seasonal treats. To sign up or for more information,

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Credit Union

The Global Credit Union has changed telephone numbers. The new credit union telephone number is Ext. 7697.

tion, call Ext. 5661.

Sibling preparation class is 7:30 p.m., Dec. 18 at Sacile Hospital in the fourth floor conference room.

For more information, call Ext. 5667.

The post offices need postal patrons to pick up mail as soon as possible. They also need volunteers to help move the mail.

There will be a rush of mail during the Christmas season.

For more information, call Ext. 5725.

Moms, pops and tots playgroup meets 10 to 11 a.m., Wednesdays. This group is for parents and children 15 months to 5 years old. For more information, call Ext. 5667.

First Term Airmen Course is looking for a team leader. Applicants must demonstrate excellent dress and appearance, military bearing and communication skills. They must be dedicated to mentoring, demonstrate core values, and serve as a positive role model. An applicant must be a senior airman (ALS graduate) or a staff sergeant.

This person is in a unique position to prepare new airmen for life in the Air Force. The deadline to submit applications is Dec. 20. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Gary Leist at Ext. 5402.

A stress reduction class is available 2-4 p.m., Tuesday at the health and wellness center. For more information, call Ext. 5667.

Cop's Corner

For the week of Nov. 26 through Sunday

Accidents: Aviano Air Base (6), Aviano (6), Roveredo (2), Castello d'Aviano (2), Fontanafredda (1), Pordenone (1), Nove (1), Porcia (1), Vigonovo (1), Mestre (1), Villotta (1), Budoia (1)

Major accidents: 5

Minor accidents: 19

Injuries from the accidents: 5

Larceny: Aviano Air Base (2), Naples (1), Sacile (1), Aviano (1)

Damage to personal property: Aviano Air Base (3), Aviano (1), Porcia (1), Santa Lucia (1)

Vehicle break-ins: San Quirino (1), Lake Barcis (1), Marsure (1)

Home break-ins: 0

Traffic complaints: 5

Shoplifting: 0

DUIs: 0

Traffic Tip

Many areas have mirrors posted outside blind spots. These mirrors allow motorists to see oncoming traffic while remaining in a safe zone. Use the mirrors wisely. Remember that objects are closer than they appear. Motorists may have pulled out and forgotten to turn lights on, especially in the early morning. Always look left and right before pulling out.



2001
Totals

Totals for 2001

Vehicle breaking and entering: 86

Home breaking and entering: 30

Shoplifting: 15

DUIs: 35

Accident info

Total accidents this year: 722

Accidents this time last year: 706

Source, 31st Security Forces Squadron Reports and Analysis.
Traffic Tip provided by 31st Fighter Wing Safety.

Scorpions, from Page 1

The exercise will be broken into three phases.

"The first phase is the initial or set up phase. This is where we take the equipment out to the site and set up," Becker said. "Once we set up, we will have field training which is the second phase. This involves such things as self aid and buddy care, and chem. warfare. The third and final stage will involve different field scenarios, such as defending the base from aggressors and having to operate our field equipment at different MOPP-levels. At some point during the exercise, we'll have the families of the members come out to the site. The families will see the husbands or wives in garrison and off-duty, and I feel it's important that they get a chance to see them in the field doing what they would do if they were deployed."

According to Senior Master Sgt. Christi Hayburn, superintendent for C4I systems flight, planning for the four-day exercise took one month, and the 200-plus Scorpions worked many hours to get everything ready to go to the site.

"In the past, we may have sent out 25 vehicles for an exercise," Hayburn said. "For Scorpion Strike 01-02, we sent out more than 50 from various fuel trucks and power generators to palletized vehicles. Also, we pride ourselves on getting equipment out by truck or by

train and in this exercise, we are simulating flying to the base."

Hayburn also added that the entire squadron performs the tasks necessary for the exercise – without the help of augmentees.

"We want to be able to know we can get the job done ourselves if necessary," Hayburn said. "Once we know that, then we will know what we can do and what we may need help with."

Hayburn also said this is an official TDY – even though everyone is only 20 minutes from the base. "We had to cut orders, so the members will received per diem for the time they are out there," Hayburn said.

Although the Scorpions have deployed to Denmark, as well as had an exercise in September to prepare for this exercise, the commander said there will still be challenges with this exercise.

"Classroom preparation can only take a military member so far," Becker said. "Exercises such as this will help us learn how to adapt to weather conditions, as well as tell us okay we need more practice and training in."

Becker also added this exercise is in preparation for the upcoming wing Operational Readiness Exercise in 2002.

The 603rd ACS will participate in Scorpion Strike through Sunday.

SECAF shares views on space road map

By Hap Parker

Space and Missile Systems
Center Public Affairs

LOS ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AFPN)—Air Force Secretary Dr. James G. Roche has spelled out what he sees as the new space road map — the integration of air and space.

Roche was in Los Angeles recently and addressed military and industry partners at the Air Force Association National Symposium.

"Since I became secretary of the Air Force almost six months ago, I've spent a lot of time on the road, meeting many people across the Air Force, industry and our communities," he said. "But wherever I go, I've engaged with folks about how we intend to shape our Air Force so it is poised for the current century."

Roche briefly commented on the situation in Afghanistan and said that America is united in a war for liberty and "for all of the same freedoms and values that mark our manner of life.

"It seems to me, as we look at space and the future of the Air Force, our performance in the space arena will prove to be a key indicator of how well the Air Force as a whole will fulfill our responsibilities for the 21st century," he said.

With that in mind, Roche singled out four general categories he will focus on: strategy, people, efficiency and the industrial base.

He said his first priority is to work with his colleagues to adjust strategic parameters to fit the challenges and opportunities of a new security environment.

Then, as part of the overall imperative to

attract and retain the best people in a high-technology world, he will accelerate efforts to develop a space cadre for the Air Force.

Roche said his third priority is to recognize how the Air Force must be efficient and cost-effective, in part by looking to best business practices and processes in acquisition programs and operations.

"Finally," Roche said, "there is the critical need our nation faces to provide more incentive in industry for innovation.

"If we can begin to solve these issues in the space domain, we will be well on our way to completing the transformation of the Air Force we began years ago, and which our president and (Defense) Secretary (Donald) Rumsfeld have envisioned for the future," he said.

Area One Liberator Road traffic flow changes

The traffic direction on Liberator Road has been reversed to allow the post office parking lot to remain open during the construction work in the area.

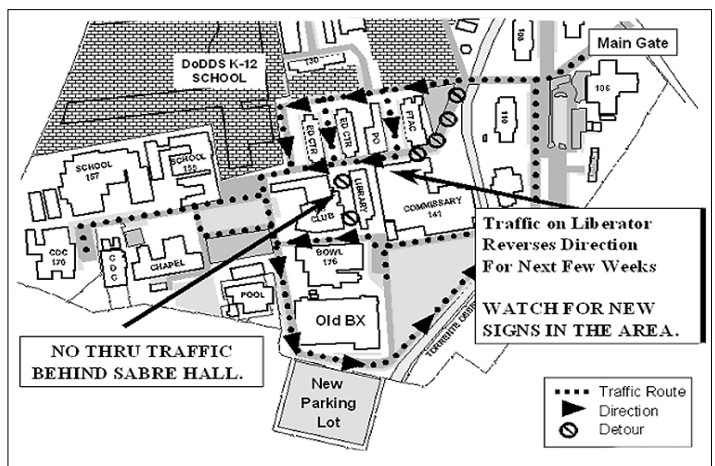
The work is estimated to take several weeks. Look for sign changes in this area before proceeding.

Through traffic is allowed past the library and around Sabre Hall to gain access to the chapel and child development center area, but it is not allowed on the road behind Sabre Hall to the bowling center. Follow posted signs at all times!

For more information on construction activities and weekly updates, visit the Aviano 2000 website on the Aviano intranet at <http://16af-intranet.aviano.af.mil/av2k/> and click on the traffic and parking advisory link.

If you do not see current information, hit your refresh button.

(Information courtesy of the 16th Air Force Project Management Office)



Courtesy graphic

Christmas annex stores, mails holiday packages

By Airman 1st Class
Ebony Nichols
Co-editor

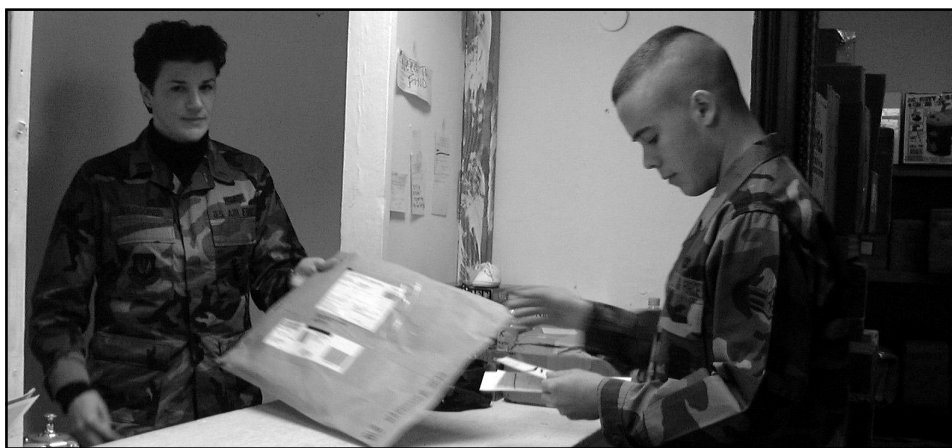
With Christmas approaching, more people are sending and receiving packages. Many people are finding yellow or pink package pick-up slips, in their mailboxes, with a stamp reading, "Pick up at Bldg. 1469, the Christmas annex." Normally, packages could be picked up at the post office, but there are so many during the holiday seasons that the facilities do not have adequate space.

According to Master Sgt. Dale McLeod, Aviano postmaster, there is more space in the annex than in the two post offices. However, if the shelves ever fill up, the annex workers would use the floor space to store packages.

"During the Christmas holiday season, the flightline and Area One post offices receive more packages than the facilities are designed to hold," said McLeod. "So, instead of trying to use the annex to hold the overflow of packages, we try to use the annex for all incoming packages during the Christmas season." According to McLeod, the annex has been in use for the past four holiday seasons.

In addition to the two pick-up windows, there are also two finance clerks set-up at the annex to assist customers with mailing outgoing packages. The final day for customers to mail outgoing packages from the annex is Dec. 22. The post offices will continue to mail outgoing packages.

Customers are asked to pick up packages as soon as possible, since there is a limited amount of shelf-space. "If packages are not picked up immediately, a second notice will be made after



Airman 1st Class Ebony Nichols

2nd Lt. Elizabeth Waggoner, left, 31st Contracting Squadron, picks up a package from the Christmas annex.

five days," said McLeod.

"If a package is still on the shelf 10 days after the second notice, we have to determine whether to keep it or send the package back to the sender," said McLeod.

The annex is located between the credit union and the contingency dormitory. Some customers feel that the annex and its location are a convenience for some while others see it as an inconvenience.

"It is somewhat of an inconvenience to come to a separate building to pick up packages, but it's a nice building," said Lorraine Davis.

"We know traveling to a separate facility to retrieve packages is a hassle, but there isn't enough space within the post offices," said McLeod.

"It is convenient for me, because the annex

is closer to my job, bigger than the post office, there is plenty of parking and the lines are shorter," said Tech. Sgt. Cindie Kibler, Det. 3, 721st Air Mobility Operations Group.

The postal finance (mailing outgoing packages) is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturdays. Package pick-up windows are open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays through Fridays and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturdays. Beginning Saturday, the pick-up windows' operating hours will extend to 8 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. "We receive the highest customer flow during lunch and after 4 p.m.," said McLeod.

Sometimes, there is quite a rush of customers and packages, and the annex could use help from volunteers. To volunteer at the annex, call Tech. Sgt. Urbito Abuyen or Staff Sgt. Michael Reimers at Ext. 7947 or 7966.

New DoD staffing process for permanent civilian employees

By Gloria Padilla
Aviano Civilian Personnel Office

On Dec. 14, the Air Force will release a new job kit. Under the requirements of this new kit, everyone is required to submit a resume prior to self-nominating for all internal vacancy announcements.

All properly submitted resumes will be on file for a one-year period. Applicants may update resumes within the one-year period if necessary.

However, upon expiration of the resume, applicants must submit a fresh resume for further consideration.

You may submit your resume using one of three methods after Feb. 15, 2002:

- The On-line Resume Writer at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afjobs>

- Send a text copy of your resume and supplemental data to Internal Employees - Int.Resume@afpc.randolph.af.mil;

- Send a copy of resume and supplemental data to HQ AFPC/DPCTDC, Attn: Recruitment Call Center, 550 C Street West Suite 57, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4759.

All permanent AF civilian employees must complete the following steps to be considered for positions including Aviano: submit a resume, review job announcements, and self-nominate.

For more information, call Ext. 7307.



Senior Airman Lee Smith

CFC update

2nd Lt. Michael Pepper, left, Aviano Combined Federal Campaign coordinator and Senior Master Sgt. James Sargent, assistant coordinator, update the CFC board outside the main gate Tuesday. Aviano has raised more than \$185,000 so far. The campaign ends Dec. 14.

Aviano's December promotees

Major

Tammy Cobb, 831st Munitions Support Squadron

Cynthia Hampton, 31st Medical Operations Squadron

Captain

Jennifer Judd, 31st Mission Support Squadron

Master sergeant

John Roeder, 31st Civil Engineer Squadron

Donald Shepherd, 31st Munitions Squadron

Kimberlee Keller, 16th Air Force

Kent Newsom, 31st Maintenance Squadron

Technical sergeant

Avery Bradshaw, 510th Fighter Squadron

Ronald Greene, 510th FS

Marc Henry, 31st Supply Squadron

Felicia Collins-Mula, 31st Fighter Wing

Michelle Hren, 616th Regional Planning Flight

Kevin Hicks, 31st Security Force Squadron

Luis Diaz, 31st MXS

Duane Gibbs, 725th Air Mobility Squadron

David Duggins, 831st MUNSS

Alf Mack, 31st MUNS

Julie Bollinger, 31st SUPS

Douglas Campfield, 31st MXS

Leisa Todero, 831st MUNSS

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Eric Marsh, 31st OG

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Carlos Ponce, 31st MXS

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Lashanna Ansley, 31st SUPS

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Samuel Key, 603rd ACS

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Bryan Wall, 555th FS

Natasha Brown, 555th FS

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Cornelius Chaney, 496th ABS

Deja Miller, 510th FS

Jason Kindt, 510th FS

Kory Benedetti, 31st OSS

Terri Bash, 31st CS

New to the blue

Malena Irene McGraw was born Nov. 1 to Jennifer and Senior Airman Ryan McGraw, Det. 3, 721st Air Mobility Operations Group.

Danielle Jessica Seunath was born Nov. 1 to Staff Sgt. Fereeda Seunath, 31st Fighter Wing chapel, and Tech. Sgt. Ganpat Seunath, 31st Transportation Squadron.

Anna Faith Driggers was born Nov. 2 to Anna and Airman 1st Class Justin Driggers, 31st Communications Squadron.

Gabriel Roman Sanchez was born Nov. 3 to Airman 1st Class Teresa Sanchez, 603rd ACS.

Colton Hawke Yaeger was born Nov. 4 to 1st Lt. Melissa Youderian, 31st Security Forces Squadron, and Capt. William

Yaeger, AFROTC, Michigan State.

Rachel Fernandez Washburn was born Nov. 6 to Filomena and Capt. Jesse Washburn, 603rd Air Control Squadron.

KeOndre Mandrel Covington was born Nov. 9 to Senior Airman Stephanie Covington, 31st Supply Squadron, and Derrick Covington.

Sofia Flores Sevillano was born Nov. 11 to Lolita Sevillano and Staff Sgt. Elvis Sevillano, 31st Transportation Squadron.

Cloey Paige Lenhart was born Nov. 12 to Catherine Lenhart and Senior Airman Jason Lenhart, 31st Civil Engineer Squadron.

Joshua Ryan Nylander was born Nov. 16 to Whitney and Staff Sgt. Jeremy Nylander, 31st Communications Squadron.

Dec. 7, 2001

C-17 Globemaster III sets thirteen world records

By 2nd Lt. Katharine Schutlz

418th Flight Test Squadron

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif.

(AFP) — Looking to demonstrate the capabilities of the Air Force's newest cargo aircraft, a C-17A Globemaster III crew broke a number of altitude and payload world records Nov. 27.

A crew from the 418th Flight Test Squadron set 13 aviation world records on the mission, bringing the total of C-17 world records to 33.

"These records highlight the capabilities of the C-17, which is providing crucial airlift support to our country's worldwide operations," said Capt. Chris Morgan, mission commander on one of the historic flights. "It was not an extraordinary effort, with the exception that we flew to within a few knots of the stall speed, something an operational crew would not normally do."

The crew flew three sorties to set maximum altitude records for payloads ranging from no payload to 88,200 pounds. Maximum altitudes were achieved by first burning down to the minimum fuel required to return to base and land and then climbing the aircraft as high as possible.

An observer from the National Aeronautic Association, the governing body for U.S. record attempts, was on board for all three sorties to verify the records.

One altitude record set was for steady horizontal flight, in which the aircraft had to maintain a constant airspeed and altitude for at least 90 seconds. The aircraft maintained an unofficial level altitude of 44,430 feet with a 22,100-pound payload. Altitudes of 43,820 and 45,500 feet were also reached carrying payloads of 88,200 and 22,100 pounds respectively.

The aircraft was ready to keep going, said Maj. Chris Lindell, one of the test pilots.

"The maximum altitude achieved for the lower weights attempted was 45,500 feet, which was based on an operating restriction for the engines," he said. "The aircraft could have gone higher."

Nov. 26, the NAA representative monitored the official weighing of the aircraft. The payload used to reach the required weights consisted of large blocks of concrete chained to pallets. The C-17 loadmasters, weight and balance hangar staff and airdrop shop people worked together to ensure the loads and placement in the aircraft were optimized for the flight.

"This effort took a great deal of coordination among multiple Team Edwards organizations," said Maj. Mark Foringer, C-17 test team director. "Overall, it was a huge success."

In addition to Lindell and Morgan, the record-setting crew was comprised of test pilots Maj. Todd Markwald and Boeing Co.'s

Norm Howell along with loadmasters Tech. Sgt. Tom Fields and Boeing's Gary Briscoe.

The Federation Aeronautique Internationale, or FAI, is the official record keeper for all aviation and space world records and oversees national aviation organizations of all member countries. World-class records are defined as the best international performances for specific classes and categories recognized by the FAI. The C-17 records were set in the category designated for landplanes with jet engines and a takeoff gross weight between 330,693 and 440,924 pounds.

Allotment program benefits enlisted widows

By Cathy Landroche

Air Force Enlisted Foundation

SHALIMAR, Fla. (AFP) — A retiree

allotment program has been developed to help raise money for an assisted living facility for residents of Teresa Village in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and at Bob Hope Village in Shalimar, Fla.

For more than 26 years, the Air Force Enlisted Foundation has been offering housing and financial assistance to widows of retired enlisted Air Force members at Teresa Village and for 16 years at Bob Hope Village.

The nonprofit agency was formerly known as the Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home Foundation and the Air Force Enlisted Widows Home Foundation. It is the only facility of its kind for surviving spouses of retired enlisted military people. Currently there are 440 residents with 625 on the waiting list. The foundation's goal for several years has been to build an assisted living facility for the residents.

Both villages are independent living facilities and the capability for medical care does not exist. Therefore, when residents have requirements that make independent living impractical or hazardous, they are forced to leave their homes and friends at a time when they need help the most.

An assisted living facility provides as much independence as possible for a resident, but with supervision, assistance and health-care services available as needed.

In the past eight years, only \$2 million of the needed \$20 million has been raised toward the foundation's goal. State, federal, Medicare and Medicaid funding can not be used toward constructing this facility. Air Force Assistance Fund donations can only be used for indigent widow rent subsidy. To help in raising the necessary funds, a retiree allotment program has been developed.

The idea was the brainchild of former Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Jim Binnicker, Air Force Enlisted Foundation president and chief executive officer. He envisioned a program where military retiree support for the AFEF could come through payroll deduction.

"We all grew up in the Air Force participating in charities using the allotment program," said the retired chief master sergeant of the Air Force. "It was painless — didn't see it — didn't miss it," he said of the dollars taken out monthly.

The task for implementing the program went to retired Chief Master Sgt. Ken Hair, marketing director. Hair worked for nearly a year getting approval from the Defense Accounting and Finance Service in Denver, and coordinating with DFAS in Cleveland, to ensure the agency was ready to receive and process the allotments.

"Our test program began in April 2001, with just a few friends of the foundation," said Hair. "It worked unbelievably well. In fact, it worked so well, we were excited about expanding it as soon as possible."

Letters to more contacts went out and the allotment form was published in the August 2001 newsletter, along with a letter from Binnicker explaining the program.

"So far, we have 160 participants and there hasn't been a single glitch or disruption in anyone's pay," said Hair. "People have called me and are impressed with how smoothly it's working. So we hope to expand it to a large percentage of our retired military members."

The allotment program will allow the foundation to move forward much faster in achieving its goal of life care, said Binnicker.

Future plans also call for a four-story mid-rise with 80, two-bedroom, two-bath apartments. Retired Chief Master Sgt. John Wright from San Antonio was one of the charter participants.

"I saw Jim Binnicker at an Air Force Association convention last year and told him I thought it would be a great idea if the foundation could do an allotment program for retirees just like we had when we were on active duty," Wright said. "He said they were working it and he'd love for me to participate."

"I've been involved for more than six months now," he said. "I'd recommend it for anyone. It's the most inexpensive and least tedious way to give."

"There are many ways for people to give: personal bequests, bank drafts (for civilians), bequests and annuities," he said. "But so far, the allotment program is easiest because it comes right out of a person's pay."

To make it more convenient for people, the foundation inserted a copy of Department of Defense Form 2558, Authorization to Start, Stop or Change an Allotment, in its last two newsletters. The forms are preset with the appropriate account number, and all people have to do is fill in their name, address, dollar amount, etc., and fax the form back to the foundation at (850) 651-4461.

People can also visit their local accounting and finance office or contact the foundation toll-free at (800) 258-1413 for a copy of the form.

In Brief

Due to the construction of the new NATO hospital, parking at the 31st Medical Group is limited. Patient parking is available in front of the clinic; however, the gravel parking lots have been closed. Additional parking is located behind the chapel. Please allow for additional time due to the limited parking.

The Aviano Officers Spouses Club presents Befana's Vendor Showcase Saturday and Sunday with more vendors from around the world. To volunteer, call 0434-441301.

Several people from the 555th Fighter Squadron, along with other support personnel from the 31st Fighter Wing returned to Aviano Saturday just in time for the holidays.

About 60 flying and support personnel came back from Operation Northern Watch at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey where they were patrolling the northern no fly zone over Iraq. The 555th FS arrived in Turkey in mid-August replacing the 510th Fighter Squadron.

The remaining deployed people are scheduled to return to Aviano this month.

New Connections is a great way for newly arrived spouses to meet and gain helpful hints on developing friendships, having fun and feeling involved at Aviano. The first class is 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Dec. 20 at the community center.

Those requiring child care who arrived within 60 days prior to this event and are married to an E-5 or below, should call Ext. 5661 regarding possible free child care. For more information, call Ext. 5667.

Education

The deadline to apply for spouse tuition assistance is Dec. 14. Applications are available at the education center. For more information, call Ext. 5365 or 5351.

The University of Maryland offers a literature of the Balkans class Saturday and Sunday.

The University of Maryland University College Field site is offering a two-day course in computer security. Hands-on practice is used to apply the principles of computer security given in the lecture. The course is Dec. 15 and 16.

Effective in January, students will be required to pay for their tuition costs in full at the time of registration. This will be the only means of reserving a place in a course.

Study renaissance art in Florence. While staying in the heart of this medieval city, students will have an opportunity to explore the artistic, historical and cultural milieu into which renaissance art was born. Museum visits within the city and field trips to Sienna, San Gimignano and Arezzo are the integral part of the course. For more information, stop by the UMUC or visit the website at www.ed.umuc.edu.

Embry-Riddle University offers an Aeronautical electronics class in January in the propulsion conference room in Hangar Two. Also offered is an aircraft avionics class in February.

Registration for these classes begins Monday and are open to all career fields. For more information, call Ext. 5140. Ask about the FCC licensing.

City Colleges of Chicago offers courses that are taught via video, Internet, e-mail or CD-ROM. For more information, call Ext. 5143 or e-mail www.ccc-e.org.

Holiday services

Holiday Catholic schedule—7 p.m., Dec. 17 is the advent penance service in the Chapel.

• Confession is 4:30 p.m., Dec. 22 and Mass is 5:30 p.m., Dec. 22.

• The fourth Sunday of Advent has Masses

at 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

• Christmas Eve Confessions are from 3:30-5 p.m., family Mass is 5 p.m., Midnight Mass is Dec. 25.

The holiday Protestant schedule is—7 p.m., Dec. 16, a cantata.

• A Christmas eve candlelight service is 7 p.m., Dec. 24.

• A Christmas Eve candlelight service with Communion is 9 p.m., Dec. 24.

• A watchnight service is 10:30 p.m., Dec. 31.

Chapel notes

Catholic Mass—noon, Mondays through Thursdays; 5:30 p.m., Saturdays; and 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., Sundays.

- Confession is 4:30-5:15 p.m., Saturdays.

- Religious education for preschool children through adults is 10-11:15 a.m., Sundays.

Liturgical worship service—6 p.m., each first Thursday of the month and 6 p.m., each Thursday from Thanksgiving through Advent.

Protestant -- Sundays, traditional service is 10 a.m.

Gospel -- service is 1 p.m.

• Religious education for preschool children through adults is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sundays.

Seventh Day Adventist -- 11 a.m., Saturdays.

Church of Christ -- 3:15 p.m., Sundays. For more information, call Capt. Alan Bobo at Ext. 5543.

Pentecostal Praise -- 6 p.m., Sundays.

Jewish -- 7 p.m., every third Friday of the month.

Islamic -- Juma'ah prayer 12:45 p.m., Fridays.

For additional information, call the chapel at Ext. 5211 or 5577.

Exploring Europe

Information, Tickets and Tours

Information, Tickets and Tours offers the following upcoming ITT trips: Rivignano leather and perfume, Monday; Florence leather market, Wednesday; Bolzano ice man and Christmas market, Dec. 15; wine tasting in the Veneto region, Dec. 18; Guided Verona, Dec. 22; Nurenborg Christmas market, Dec. 22; Christmas in Assisi, Dec. 23-26; and New Year's in Budapest, Dec. 29 through Jan. 1.

European Christmas markets special: Sign up for two Christmas markets and receive a 20 percent discount on the 3rd market trip.

Individual trips to Greece are now available. Choose from seven low-priced itineraries.

Experience the beauty of Athens, Delphi, Mycenae, the Greek Islands and more.

For more information, call Ext. 5062 or 5072.

ITT can now be reached via e-mail. Look for the global address under 31SVS.SVRR@aviano.af.mil.

For more information on upcoming events in your area or around Europe, check out www.spacepickle.com.



Courtesy photo

Pictured is the House of Petrarch in the town of Arquà Petrarca in the Euganean Hills near Padua. Francesco Petrarca was an Italian poet and scholar who lived from 1304-1374. The Euganean Hills are famous for their thermal baths of volcanic origin.

Safety tips for hitting the slopes this season

Ski season opens Saturday, so take a moment to think about ski safety.

Some skiers plan to be on the slopes of Cortina by 9:30 a.m., Saturday, making their way down the newly covered slopes of the Cortina d'Ampezzo ski arena. **Lets warm up with a few statistics:**

1) Knee sprains account for 22 percent of all skiing injuries; for snowboarders, the wrist is the most common injury.

2) 70 percent of all ski-related head injuries are from males ages 15-30.

3) 85 percent of all ski lift accidents occur while the individual is loading or unloading.

4) Young men account for the overwhelming majority of skier deaths.

5) Striking an object (mostly trees) was the leading cause of death.

6) Most deaths occurred in the afternoon, due to the glare from the sun off the snow.

Now, let's talk about some safety tips. Here is a great site to get some basic info: <http://www.snowsafes.org.au/>

1) **Gear.** Proper preparation is the key to having a great time.

Ensure you have the following:

Waterproof jacket, pants and especially gloves; - water-resistant is okay.

Hat - most of the body's core heat is lost through the head. Keep your hat on while outside.

Goggles - protects the eyes from incoming objects and cuts down on the glare from the snow/sun.

Some optional equipment that's recommended:

Helmet - you may look like a dork, but at least we'll be able to laugh at you in the car, instead of in an ambulance.

Wrist guards - not a bad idea for new snowboarders; skiers tend to put hands out a lot in the beginning

2) **Stretch, stretch, stretch** - Take some extra time before getting on the lift to stretch out and warm up muscles. Extra flexibility cuts down on injuries.

3) **Fluids** - drink plenty of *nonalcoholic* drinks and eat a healthy breakfast and lunch. This gives energy to the body to maintain your core temperature.

4) **Don't go beyond your limit** - everyone knows what his/her capabilities, don't go

further than that. Control the speed.

5) **Follow the skier's code:**

- People ahead have the right of way. Avoid them.

- Observe posted signs.

- When entering a slope from the side, uphill skiers have the right of way.

- Don't stop and obstruct the trail, move to the side.

- Do not get out of control

6) **Hypothermia** - indications are stumbling, shivering, slurred speech, and pale skin that is cold to the touch.

Stop and seek warm shelter. Keep warm, put dry clothes on (preferably waterproof if outside). Eat easily digestible, warm food and drink nonalcoholic beverages.

7) **Cross skis** - If injured or involved in an accident and need assistance stick skis into the snow. This is the international sign recognizable anywhere in the world.

That's a lot. But safety is not always easy or short. Take the extra time now and don't miss out on the rest of the season later. *Information courtesy of Tech. Sgt. Gary Leist, 21st Mission Support Squadron safety manager.*

SPORTS SHORTS

Aviano martial arts classes are available 7 a.m., Wednesdays for those 17 years and older. Learn to focus, stretch, move artistically and discipline your mind and body. For more information, call Ext. 7574.

Fill out a fitness punch card by doing various cardio activities, weight training, aerobics and more. Earn a T-shirt and a gift certificate. For more information, call Ext. 5022 or 7344.

At the Alpine Golf Course, check out the famous foursome meal combination at Mulligan's Grill. Golf for free -- Christmas and New

Year's Day. For more information, call Ext. 7386.

Try the American style breakfast items that are available at the Spare Time Grill. Breakfast is served from 7-11 a.m.

Cosmic bowling is offered the second and last Saturday of each month.

Nine pin no-tap tournaments are held the first Saturday of each month.

Family bowling is 5:30-7:30 p.m., Mondays. For more information on programs at the bowling center, call Ext. 7487.

AF continues informal muscle-fitness testing

BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C. (AFPN) — Air Force people will continue muscle-fitness testing, push-ups and crunches on an informal pass/fail basis beyond Jan. 1, the Air Force Surgeon General announced.

"The extra change in an already turbulent time for our Air Force was a bridge too far," said Lt. Gen. Paul K. Carlton Jr., the Air Force Surgeon General.

"We will continue to test as we have, delay any mandatory enforcement until our turbulence settles down, and then re-address.

"The fitness test has been discussed at some length for the entire test period," Carlton said. "We felt the Air Force was not yet ready to take on more change at this time."

Physical fitness is a readiness issue

and directly related to the Air Force's ability to meet its global mission, said Col. Deneice Van Hook, chief of the operational prevention division of the Air Force Medical Operations Agency in the office of the Air Force Surgeon General.

"This temporary delay is only related to how the Air Force assesses the fitness of its people and in no way reduces the need for Air Force people to maintain an appropriate level of fitness," Van Hook said.

All Air Force people must maintain an appropriate fitness level that allows them to perform their duties anywhere and anytime, Van Hook said.

Muscle-fitness testing, push-ups and crunches will complement cycle ergometry testing, which is the best indicator for overall fitness, Van Hook said.

The Volksmarching schedule for December

The 11th Dicembrina Cervignanese is Saturday at Cervignano del Friuli. The entry fee has not yet been determined.

The departure is at 8 a.m. from Roveredo square.

The 28th Marcia del Tur-In is Sunday in Pordenone. The entry fee to race with the prize has not yet been determined and to race without a prize is L. 2.500.

The departure is at 8 a.m. from Roveredo square.

The 13th Marcia di Santa Lucia is Dec. 16 in Porcia. The entry fee to run for the prize is L. 7.500 and to run without the prize is L. 3000.

The prize for this run is a Christmas stocking. The departure is at 8:30 a.m. from Roveredo square.

The meeting place is in Roveredo square at the Bar Municipio. For more information on these runs or others, call Gloria Leonarduzzi at Ext. 7404 or 7866, or call Sandy Buna at 7209 or 7654.

Editor's note: The following information is provided by the 31st Services Squadron. For more information, call Ext. 5080.

Teen programs have a results from friends activity, today; volunteering at the post office 3:30-5:30 p.m., Monday; making gingerbread houses, Tuesday; making candles for gifts, Thursday; and fantastic Fridays, Dec. 14. For more information, call Ext. 5994.

The base annual Christmas tree lighting is 5 p.m., today in the northeast corner of the BX parking lot. Enjoy hot chocolate and Christmas carols. For more information, call Ext. 5479.

Arts and crafts offer a matting and framing class 3-5 p.m., today; a free decoupage class 10 a.m. to noon, today; a free scrapbook class 10 a.m. to noon, Dec. 14; and learn to make your own Christmas paper 10 a.m. to noon, Dec. 21. For more information, call Ext. 5032.

Adult ballet classes are held 10:30 to noon, Saturdays in the community center beginning Jan. 8. Learn classic and contemporary styles of ballet.

Eight students are required for this class. Students must be 14 years or older to attend classes.

A Christmas concert featuring a special performance of "The Nutcracker Suite" by Dance D'Arte of Pordenone, is 7 p.m., Dec. 21. Admissions is free.

The Cyber Cafe has been newly remodeled. Come in and enjoy a cappuccino or hot chocolate. For more information, call the community center at Ext. 5479.

Give parents a break is 6:30-11 p.m., today. A referral is recommended to participate; however, paying patrons may use slots that are not filled by certified families.

The cost is \$13 for the school age program (1st through 6th graders) and \$13 for the child development center (6 months to kindergarten).

Bingo Extravaganza

Bingo is 5:30 p.m., Dec. 17 at Club Aviano. Players can win more than \$5000 in prizes. Pre-purchased packages are now available for \$43 at the cashier's cage. For more details, call Ext. 5493.

For more information, call Ext. 5199. The Air Force Aid Society sponsors this event.

Aviano Youth Programs have skiing and snow-board lessons available for youth.

A holiday party is 6:30-10 p.m., Dec. 14 for youth grades 1st through 3rd at the AYP. Register and pay by Dec. 12. The cost is \$8 for members and \$10 for nonmembers.

A youth dance recital is 1 p.m., Dec. 15 at the community center. Admission is free. For more information on youth activities, call Ext. 7575.

Basketball registration runs through Jan. 4. The fees are \$30 for members and \$35 for nonmembers. Late registration is Jan. 7-11. Coaches are needed.

The Holiday Marketplace is the place to shop Saturday and Sunday. The market place is located in the Hangar behind outdoor recreation.

Local vendors, artisans and craftsmen will have great items and deals for gifts.

There will also be special discounts on 31st

Services activities. For more information, call Ext. 5032.

Club Aviano gives members a chance to enjoy free snacks 5-7 p.m., Wednesdays. There is also entertainment on the patio 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights. Club Aviano will also cook a holiday feast. Holiday turkey dinners are available. The club needs 72 hours advanced notice. No deliveries are available. Club Aviano is closed Christmas day, but holiday dinners can be ordered until Dec. 31.

Sabre Hall also offers a **karaoke/disc jockey position**. The job includes playing music and running the karaoke program. DJ must provide personal music.

The shift is five hours, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., Friday and/or Saturday nights. Military members need off-duty employment approval from commanders. For more information, call Ext. 5493.

The lunch menu at the Dolemiti Diner is:

Today: Beef and corn pie, veal paprika steaks, seafood newburg, peas and pepper rice, Franconia potatoes, corn on the cob, mustard greens and Harvard beets.

Monday: Ginger pot roast, pork tenderloin, baked-stuffed fish, cauliflower combo, succotash, oven-browned potatoes and rice.

Tuesday: Teriyaki chicken, salmon cakes, parsley-buttered potatoes, Filipino rice, mixed vegetables, fried cabbage and succotash.

Wednesday: Ham steaks, baked turkey and noodles, beef ball Stroganoff, spinach, lima beans, mashed potatoes, eide golden potato balls and calico corn.

Thursday: Fried chicken, fried catfish, barbecue ribs, collard greens, mixed vegetables, sweet potatoes, macaroni and cheese, and fried okra.

Dec. 14: Swiss steak with brown gravy, stuffed green peppers, Mexican baked chicken, rice, macaroni and cheese, green bean amandine, corn on the cob and Spanish style beans.

Now Playing...

Today

7 p.m. **"Hardball"** -- When a compulsive gambler is unable to pay a debt he owes to his friend, he is given the choice to payback the debt by coaching an inner-city little league baseball team. Taking on his new challenge gives him a new outlook on life, as well as the kids on the team. Starring Keanu Reeves and Diane Lane. Rated PG-13.

Saturday

7 p.m. **"Riding in the cars with boys"** -- A Beverly Hills woman had dreams as a teenager only to find them derailed by her weakness for boys, which resulted in an accidental pregnancy. As she grows up and raises her young son, she tries to come to terms with how her life has gone so far while reluctantly discovering how to be a mother. She struggles with her identity, her relationships and her goals, and eventually she finds the strength to pursue her dreams. Starring Drew Barrymore and Brittany Murphy. Rated PG-13.

Sunday

7 p.m. **"Two Can Play That Game"** -- Shante is a woman who knows about men

and relationships. She's the one her friends turn to for advice when they have "man trouble." But when Shante catches her boyfriend, Keith, seeing another girl, she decides to implement a 10-day plan to keep her man in line and win him back for good. Keith doesn't fall for Shante's games so easily and decides to play a game of his own. Starring Vivica Fox, Morris Chestnut and Tamala Jones. Rated R.

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7 p.m. **"Riding in the cars with boys"**

7 p.m. **"Hardball"**

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Dec. 14

7 p.m. **"Glitter"** -- Billie Frank is a singer who first finds fame in New York City. Glitter is all about her stardom. Starring Mariah Carey. Rated PG-13.

The movie schedule is subject to change. For up to the minute details, call Ext. 7252 or visit, www.aages.com.

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'79 Nissan Datsun. Call Mr. Bottos at 0434-565049.

'81 Mercedes 200CE coupe. Passed inspection. \$5,000 OBO. Call 0328-3640786.

'82 Volvo 345. Automatic. \$500 OBO. Call Dina at Ext. 5893 or 0434-653230.

'83 Porsche. Excellent running engine. \$1,500. Call Frank at Ext. 8570 or 0434-569847.

'84 BMW 320i. Automatic. \$2,200. Call 0333-3327061.

'84 Mercedes 190E. A/C. \$2,200 OBO. Call 0339-5929040 or 0434-653443.

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'86 Chevy Corvette. Great condition. \$11,500 OBO. Call Aaron at 0434-570732 or Ext. 5876.

'87 BMW 325ix 4WD. 2.5L, fully loaded. \$2,800. Call 0427-79079 or 0349-1625251.

'87 Fiat Panda. \$700. Call 0339-5640309.

'87 Mercedes 200E. Fully optional. \$3,200 OBO. Call 0339-5929040 or 0434-653443.

'88 BMW 318i. A/C, sunroof, Pioneer stereo. \$3,000 OBO. Call 0347-1153729.

'88 BMW 320i. Automatic. \$2,900. Call 0333-3327061.

'88 BMW 735i. Automatic, A/C, pwr all. \$4,500 OBO. Call 0348-7080933.

'88 Fiat Ritmo. \$1,300. Call 0339-5640309.

'88 Mercedes 280SE. Automatic. \$3,500. Call 0333-3295650.

'88 Renault 5. \$650. Call Sandra at 0434-580143 during lunch time. A translator is needed.

'89 Alfa 75. Runs great. \$1,200 OBO. Call Howard at Ext. 7628 or 0434-44969 during the evening.

'89 BMW 325LX. Station wagon. Black, 4WD, A/C. \$3,500. Call 0339-3967914.

'89 BMW 520i. New tires, ps, pb, warranty. \$2,800. Call 0339-3967914.

'89 BMW 520i. A/C, CD, 17" rims. \$5,500. Call 0338-2965812.

'89 BMW 520i. Automatic, A/C, powerall. \$4,500 OBO. Call 0335-7504434 or Ext. 5045.

'89 Lancia Delta Turbo, 4WD. Must sell. \$2,500. Call 0427-79079 or 0349-1625251.

'89 Mercedes 190D. Excellent condition. \$3,800 OBO. Call Angelo at Ext. 5356 or 0432-900193.

'90 BMW 318i. Gray, good tires. \$2,400. Call 0339-3967914.

'90 BMW 318i. Automatic, A/C. \$3,900. Call 0333-3327061.

'90 BMW 318i. Sunroof. \$1,600. Call Karl at 0347-8940544 or 0434-930097.

'90 BMW 320i. \$3,000. Call 0434-565184.

'90 BMW 520i. New tires, A/C, low miles, warranty. \$4,400. Call 0339-3967914.

'90 BMW 520i. A/C. \$4,000. Call 0339-5640309.

'90 BMW 520. Sunroof, A/C. \$4,000 OBO. Call Nico at 0339-7244555 or 0349-4033156.

'90 Citroen BX GTI. \$850 OBO. Call 0333-3295650.

'90 Fiat Tipo. Blue, digital, very dependable. \$1,800. Call 0339-3967914.

'90 Fiat Uno. Automatic, pw. Call 0349-2346400 after 1 p.m.

'90 GM Vectra. Automatic. \$2,500 OBO. Call 0333-3327061.

'90 Renault Espace Van. TD, new engine, 7 seats. \$2,200. Call Gianni at 0339-7622383.

'90 VW Golf GL. Sunroof. \$2,000. Call 0434-565184.

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'91 Fiat Croma. Fog lights, radio, new tires, A/C. \$3,000 OBO. Call 0339-3967914.

'91 Lancia Thema 2000. A/C, fully optional, perfect engine. \$3,000 OBO. Call 0434-656302.

'91 Mercedes 200E. Fully optional. \$5,400 OBO. Call 0339-5929040 or 0434-653443.

'91 Renault Clio. Pw, property papers paid. \$1,700. Call Cristina at Viaggi Unlimited 0434-661280.

'92 BMW 520i. 24 valves, fully loaded. \$4,500 OBO. Call 0434-565184.

'92 Fiat Croma. Passed inspection. \$2,450. Call Fanna at 0328-3640786.

'92 Ford Escort 2000RS. Sunroof, brand new engine, excellent condition. \$2,700. Call 0347-7821567.

'92 Ford Ranger XLT. A/C, abs, bed liner, CD. \$3,500. Call Kenn at 0434-661562. Leave a message.

'92 Grand Prix LE. Pw, pl, ps. \$3,200 OBO. Call Greg or Renee at 0434-569724 or 0339-2651554.

'92 VW Golf GL. \$4,000. Call Sonia at 0333-4279294 or e-mail sonia_scavezzon@tin.it.

'92 Volvo 960 Turbo. Fully optional. \$3,800. Call 0347-7431845.

'93 BMW 318IS. Soft top. \$6,800 OBO. Call 0333-3295650.

'93 Ford Tempo. A/C, Automatic, new tires. \$2,000 OBO. Call Susanne at Ext. 4177 or 0348-3178877 after 6 p.m.

'93 Nissan 300ZX. Kelly blue book says 17,500. Make an offer. Call 0434-569987 or 0339-1567850.

'93 Saab 900S. Convertible. \$9,000. Call 0434-664420 or 0434-524866.

'94 Kia Sephia. Excellent condition. \$3,250. Call 0338-2965812.

'94 Opel Station Wagon. \$4,250. Call 0339-5640309.

'96 Mitsubishi Eclipse. A/C, automatic, 1,000 take over payments, OBO. Call Billie at Ext. 5062 or 0348-8247397.

'97 Chevy pick-up extended cab Silverado. Excellent condition. \$23,000. Call 0434-869934.

'99 Kawasaki Ninja ZX6. \$4,500 OBO. Call 0348-7080933.

Garelli Moped 50cc, \$350 OBO. Call 0349-4033156.

Miscellaneous

Sublet space available at the CDC for 24 to 36 month old from Dec. 18 to Feb. 2. Will sublet all or part-call 0434-747016 or 0349-1992520.

Kerosene heater can, \$95; color monitor, \$65; Whistler car alarm system, \$50; CB radio and antenna, \$50; Kenwood car cassette deck, \$90; JVC car CD player w/

aux. input, \$175. Call 0434-40718.

Free hauling service for used clothing, household goods electronics, and wood furniture. Please no junk. Don't throw your world away. Clean recycle today. Call Mark at 0434-40718.

Stereo component: double tape, \$35; ADC eq., \$35; Kenwood tuner, \$35; tape deck, \$40; Kenwood amp, \$65; Pioneer AV processor, \$35; Pioneer surround processor, \$35; turntable, \$65. Call 0434-40718.

Teac V375 tape recorder, hi-fi component. Plain model but works, \$30. Call 0349-0916246.

15' long countertop w/2 sinks and cabinets below. \$175; Italian size refrigerator/freezer, \$250. Call 0434-660377.

8-piece wood entertainment center, \$300; wooden hanging chair and ottoman w/dark blue pillows, \$100. Call Brandy at Ext. 4428 or 0348-7446570.

Motorola cell phone w/extra battery, \$150; light fixtures, \$10 to \$20; electric radiator heater, \$25; electric fan heater, \$15; oscillating fans 2 for \$5 each; radio, \$5; utility light, \$5. Call Master Sgt. Mrozinski at 0348-7120968.

Baby crib/mattress, \$50; new bassinet, tons of boy clothes B-5T, kerosene heater with pipes. Call Jennifer at 0434-661283.

Playstation games- NHL 98, Final Fantasy 7, Warcraft 2, Populous, Breath of Fire 3, MLB 99- All 6 for \$40. Call 0434-733328.

20ft powerboat w/cabin, boat trailer, WC, stove, sink, refrig. 40hp elec. start, trim, tilt, gps, compass, depth, fish, VHF, stereo, CD, pictures, information: e-mail machovec@tin.it or call 0434 921892.

Coffee table w/2 matching end tables, light maple color, excellent condition, \$100; Sony SA-VA10 surround sound speakers, two wall speakers, two floor, w/remote, excellent condition. \$175. Call Jennifer at 0434-749685.

Never used HP Pavilion 8765C multimedia PC AMD Athlon 900MHz, 45GB hard drive, 128MB memory, 12xDVD-ROM, 56k data/fax modem, speakers, Windows system software, 17" color monitor, \$1,200. Call 0348-2664719 or 0434-660454.

Assorted VHS movies and Disney movies, great for kids, \$5 ea. Call 0434-569987 or 0339-1567850.

500W receiver w/remote, \$150 OBO; dual tape deck, \$35; CD player holds 63 discs, \$75; technics 2 12's and 3 surrounds, \$150, or buy complete system make offer. Call 0339-1567850.

12 string guitar. For more information call Steve at 0434-657347.

Aviano British Club. Social gatherings, employment issues, babysitting

circle. Call Stacey at 0434-565273 or Carey at 0434-569847.

Full bed w/2 matching nightstands and 5 drawer dresser, no mattress, \$175. Call Carey at 0434-569847.

New Italian spinning bike. Very high quality, never used, 68 lbs fly wheel. \$500 OBO. Call 0427-72629 or e-mail sapone1@libero.it.

Wieder home gym and full water punching bag, \$300. Call Kenn at 0434-661562. Leave a message.

Upright piano, \$1,100; large sectional couch w/queen bed and recliner, \$500; Whirlpool dishwasher w/transformer, \$300; fans, \$10; cell phone, \$75; 180 Elan skis boots size 10.5, \$30; old VCR, \$10. Call 0434-949826 after 6 p.m.

Coin pendants made from 500 Lire and 1,000 Lire, Italian and San Marino coins, plus others. Call Bob at 0434-652310 or e-mail R.Bumgardenet@pn.nettuno.it.

Homes

House for sale in Cordenons. Kitchen, living room with fire-place, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, store-room, laundry, cellar and storage. Attic. Double garage outside. Only if interested call 0434-933065.

Jobs

The 31st Services Squadron is accepting applications for the following positions: a child development program assistant for the child development center; a waiter supervisor, a lead waiter, a bar assistant, a bartender, a caterer, a cook, a cashier and a cashier hostess for the Aviano Club; a school age program assistant and a recreation assistant for the Aviano youth programs; a cook, a cashier-check, a recreation aid and a laborer for the bowling center; a human resources assistant for the human resources office; a cook and a recreation aid for the golf course; and a custodial worker for lodging. Applicants may stop by the human resource office in Bldg. 256, for a complete listing of jobs or for information, call Ext. 5747.

PC troubleshooting services? Will make house calls to troubleshoot problem computers. Quality service guaranteed. Call 0349-8429712 or see cybonix@yahoo.com.

Housekeeping service available. I will also clean for move outs. Prices are negotiable. Call Enitan at 0348-2308398.

Wanted

An experienced American or English-speaking housekeeper(s) to clean a large home in Maniago twice a month. This person is needed immediately. Call 0427-730890.

Looking for stand-alone house. Preferable 3 or 4 bedrooms, large living room, fenced yard. Call Tom at Ext. 4220 or 0348-0461642.

Kitchen table, preferably wood. Please call Ellen at 0434-657347.

Looking for squadrons, private parties or clubs that may need a great variety of music at a reasonable price. Call 04341-40718.

Pets

A female kitten, about 7 months old, is looking for home. She is very affectionate and needs a lot of love. For more information, call 0434-653443.

Free to good home, 12x German shepherd 1/2 Husky. Call 0427-733025 for details.

For sale German shepherd puppies. Pedigree available. Call 0427-730925. Caller needs translator.

Need services of male German Shepherd this month. If you can help, please call 0427-75233 after 6 p.m.

2-year-old male. Pointer, neutered, free to good home with fenced yard. Call 340-7028294.

Free cats. One adult female 1-1/2 yrs old, black, litter trained, spayed and one 5-month-old male kitten, black, litter trained. Cats are good with children and have current vaccinations. Call Staff Sgt. Lommen at 348-5938081 or Ext. 7102.